

CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICT
LABOR TO CONSTRUCT THE WILSON AND TAR RIVER
NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Directors of peni-
tentiary to furnish
convicts.

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of constructing the Wilson and Tar River Narrow-Gauge Railroad, the board of directors of the penitentiary shall from time to time send to the president or other authorized agent of said road, such a number of convicts (who have not been farmed out to other roads or retained in the penitentiary by law,) as the authorities of said road may make application for: *Provided*, that the number shall at no time exceed two hundred.

Proviso.

Control of con-
victs.

SEC. 2. That said convicts shall be governed by and according to the rules and regulations established by the penitentiary board, and shall be under the supervision and control of a superintendent and guard appointed by the penitentiary board, and to be paid by the state: *Provided*, that the authorities of said road shall furnish the necessary tools, and shall feed and clothe said convicts and provide for them a comfortable stockade or barracks while employed upon the road; *And provided further*, that said railroad company shall pay such sum for the labor of said convicts as may be agreed upon by said railroad company and the penitentiary [board.]

Proviso.

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Certain prisoners
in certain counties
to be worked on
road.

SEC. 3. That the sheriff and jailors of the counties of Wilson, Edgecombe, Greene, Pitt, Beaufort and Hyde, on application of the president or agent of said road, shall deliver to him (and obtain a receipt therefor) all persons convicted in the inferior or superior courts of said counties of any criminal offence, who may be sentenced to imprisonment in the jails of said counties, to be worked on said road under the rules herein provided, until the same